

## FOUND DEAD IN A CREEK.

MRS. SCOFFED THOUGHT AT FIRST TO HAVE BEEN MURDERED.

She Died of Paralysis of the Heart, Due to Excitement Was This Caused by Men Fighting Over Her When She Stayed Late at a Casino? Her Body Was Found in a Creek, and It Was Supposed to Have Been Murdered, but It Proved to Have Died of Natural Causes, Has Got the Park and Kingsbridge police in a mix that will take a Philadelphia police to straighten out. They have discovered a spot in the woods where it appears a murder was committed, but they have got neither victim nor murderer.

To begin at the beginning: About 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, a hotel keeper named Druse went driving with his wife in Jerome avenue. Their coachman was a man named Snelcher. They had just passed Mott Park, which is the spot where the body was found, when they saw a woman standing on the edge of the wood that lies between Jerome avenue and the Park. She was ten feet from the roadway. Mrs. Druse exclaimed: "Well, it's a ghost!" He laughed and his wife laughed. The coachman remarked that it was a pretty dangerous place for a woman to be at that time alone. It was just dusk. The coachman's remark was due to the fact that the place was a man was less than a quarter of a mile from the Jerome Park aqueduct, where there are nearly a thousand laborers of all nationalities, many of them capable of committing any crime. The woman, when these three persons came to her, was looking at her hair, which appeared to have fallen down.

At 6 o'clock yesterday morning, ten hours after the woman was seen in Jerome avenue, she was found dead in a little creek in the park. The spot where she was found is directly across the woods from Jerome avenue. The creek is about twenty feet wide and runs under the road twenty feet from where the body was, and there is a bridge near by. The woman was lying on her stomach and side, her face turned toward the street. The water in the creek, which was three inches deep, did not come up to her head. On the side of her head there was a wound.

Park Police Officer Langford, who found the body, made up his mind that her head had been crushed in by a blow. There appeared to be no doubt that she had been killed.

The woman had a pocketbook in her hand. It contained a five dollar bill, a two and a one dollar bill, a dime, and three cents. She had a gold brooch on her dress at the throat, so that it seemed plain that robbery was not the motive for the crime. She was wearing a dark dress, and the woman was lifted out of the creek. Word was sent to the Van Cortlandt house, and a police officer named Langford, who was a couple of men hurried around. They notified the Kingsbridge police and Capt. Collins, who is in charge of the police in the park. The woman was found in the creek, and the police officer named Langford, who was a couple of men hurried around. They notified the Kingsbridge police and Capt. Collins, who is in charge of the police in the park.

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## BROOKLYN TROLLEY MISAPPROPRIATION.

Dick Ralph, Once a Well-Known Minstrel, a Victim.

Dick Ralph, a well-known negro minstrel, a victim of a car accident, which may result in his death. While getting off a car in front of his fish store in Putnam avenue, near Ashland place, with a bundle in his hand, he lost his footing and fell heavily backward, striking his head on the pavement.

He was almost unconscious when picked up, and on his removal to his home, at 84th street, it was found that he had sustained a fracture of the skull. Mr. Ralph is about 60 years old. He was one of the stars in Hooley's minstrel troupe and a great favorite in the old opera house, in Court and Henry streets. He has been in the fish business since his retirement from the stage, ten or twelve years ago. William Thomas, a well-known fish dealer, who lives at 84th street, on his way to the First National bank, in Broadway and Kent avenue, on Tuesday afternoon, saw the accident. He stopped the car and was severely injured. He was carried to the hospital, where he was attended by a physician. Later he was taken to his home, where he was attended by a physician. He was carried to the hospital, where he was attended by a physician. Later he was taken to his home, where he was attended by a physician.

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Twenty-two Terms Said to Have Originated in Massachusetts' Capital.

Boston, May 13.—Under the title "Words Coined in Boston," C. W. Ernst gave an account of the origin of many of the words which are now in common use. He described a number of representative words from the Boston dialect. The word "Commonwealth" was born in 1634. The word "coasting," in the sense of sliding down an inclined plane, was used for the first time by the Court of Assistants. Then Boston was three years old. The term "bummer" appeared first in the town records in 1663, being employed to designate the embarrassment caused by "bumming" up the streets with the products of the town. The word "bummer" was then used by Mr. Ernst. "Schmoozer," "sleigh," "harbinger," "feeder," "skinking fund," "depreciation," "appreciation," "dancer" (1740), "laborer," "uncommon," "holy," "One crow," "manner," "warrior," "unconstitutional," "immigrant," and "chiro." The word "bummer" was then used by Mr. Ernst.

Federal Official Sent to Jail.

Deputy Collector Hirsch Committed for Contempt by a Judge.

Windsor, Conn., May 13.—Hirsch, deputy internal revenue collector of Windsor and New London counties, was committed to jail for contempt of court by Judge Wheeler in the State Superior Court here this afternoon for refusing to produce the records of his office to show whether Stephen H. Cole, of New London, had paid a license to conduct a retail liquor business, and had paid a tax.

The general rules of the revenue department forbid officers to produce their records or disclose the contents of their files to any person. Mr. Hirsch also had special instructions from the district collector's office in New London, not to produce the records to any person.

Judge Wheeler ordered him committed for contempt until he shall comply with the subpoena. Mr. Hirsch was committed to jail for contempt until he shall comply with the subpoena. Mr. Hirsch was committed to jail for contempt until he shall comply with the subpoena.

Three Hundred Writers Attend the Reception in the New House of the Guild.

The American Authors' Guild gave an informal reception and house warming last night in its new club house, 230 West Fifty-eighth street. There were about 300 persons present.

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## TRINITY'S "GYM" BURNED.

A STUDENT JACOBINATION ENDS WITH INCENDIARISM.

The Old "Gym" Was an Evanescent and Many Attempts Had Been Made to Burn It. Defeat of Wesleyan by Trinity in Field Sports Too Much for the Gym.

Hartford, May 13.—Trinity College's old gymnasium, one of the first buildings built by the college, is in the ashes. The building was burned at 3 o'clock this morning after a jubilation by Trinity students in celebration of their victory over Wesleyan in track athletics. Trinity's victory over her old rival, from a triumph of the students. The party, including the track team, reached Hartford at 9 o'clock last night, and after a supper and a march through the streets with much music and shouting they captured two trolley cars and were taken out to the college.

The students at the college had prepared a big bonfire, and they further showed their appreciation of the victory by "borrowing" a wagon, which they took down to meet the car. The team was piled in and hauled up Vernon street, the students singing and yelling like Indians. They stopped at a house of each professor and gave the college yell. They stopped for quite a while before the house of President Smith. Prof. Martin was roused at the college and made the boys a speech. The members of the track team were called for and rendered from the wagon.

After the celebration, some freshmen were delegated to return the wagon to its owner, Calvin White, who lived near by. But Mr. White was "loaded for fun." While the students were having their fun he had summoned the Police Department, and when the students went to return the wagon they were placed under arrest. All were marched down to the police station. Many students followed, and there was a lively time at headquarters. Mr. White did not want to make a charge against the students, but wanted them to pay him \$25 for an hour's use of his wagon. He came down at 2 o'clock, and a check for that amount, retired from the field. It was 2 o'clock this morning before these preparations were over.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY, Havana, April 24, 1896.

To Citizen Tomás Estrada Palma, President of the Republic of Cuba.

DEAR FRIEND: Without any letter from you to me, I have been able to take advantage of the opportunity to address you a few lines, with the sole purpose of telling you about the recent doings of a big Spanish column, made up of three arms, which has undertaken the task of preventing my march to the west, as advised in my last letter. In order to make this short as possible, I will copy you my diary:

"April 17.—On approaching the river Zaza, by the ford Valdivia, narrow and dangerous, both shores are occupied by a strong Spanish column composed of infantry, cavalry, and artillery. I suspend my march, and explore the country.

"April 18.—I detect some sharpshooters, so as to compel the enemy to move, placing myself at the right and trying to leave the Spanish in the rear. The Spanish do not move. I wait until night, and then I move. I find that the Spanish column is made up of three arms, which has undertaken the task of preventing my march to the west, as advised in my last letter. In order to make this short as possible, I will copy you my diary:

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY, Havana, April 24, 1896.

To Citizen Tomás Estrada Palma, President of the Republic of Cuba.

DEAR FRIEND: Without any letter from you to me, I have been able to take advantage of the opportunity to address you a few lines, with the sole purpose of telling you about the recent doings of a big Spanish column, made up of three arms, which has undertaken the task of preventing my march to the west, as advised in my last letter. In order to make this short as possible, I will copy you my diary:

"April 17.—On approaching the river Zaza, by the ford Valdivia, narrow and dangerous, both shores are occupied by a strong Spanish column composed of infantry, cavalry, and artillery. I suspend my march, and explore the country.

"April 18.—I detect some sharpshooters, so as to compel the enemy to move, placing myself at the right and trying to leave the Spanish in the rear